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Wooster City School District

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Inspiring World-Class Academic Achievement

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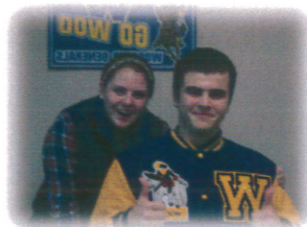
Hard to believe that we are thinking holidays and have already shoveled snow this year! Seems as if life passes us at light speed. Please encourage your student to be diligent in keeping up with their academics as we head to the semester break. Grades can always be accessed online through Progress Book.

Seniors have been talking with counselors about their future college and career paths. Juniors should also be thinking about the preparations needed to be the most successful after high school. We will be giving the ACT once again on April 28, along with offering our ACT prep during the month of April. Please see your counselor if you have any questions about what is needed to be successful after high school.

Sophomores, freshmen, and 8th graders will begin the new state assessments starting in February. Eighth graders and freshmen will be taking three assessments each. The sophomores will be taking the OGT starting March 16. Any students taking U.S. History or Government will also have to take a new state assessment.

All of us at Wooster High School want to wish you a happy holiday season. Have a wonderful break, as we will continue to partner with you to provide world-class academic achievement for all our students.

-Tyler Keener, Principal



Congratulations to Allyson Amstutz and David Burnett on being selected the November Recognized Board of Education.

**Wayne County Schools
Career Center**

On October 9, Career Center representatives were at WHS to talk to all sophomores about opportunities at the Career Center for the 2015-2016 school year. On Friday, November 21, the students had the opportunity to visit the Career Center in three areas of their choice. Students were given an enrollment application to be returned to the Guidance Office by January 16, 2015, if interested.

College Preparation

The guidance counselors have been scheduling interviews in order to direct each junior and senior down the right path based on future goals. Those considering furthering their education should keep in mind the following:

1. Visit college campuses and obtain application information.
2. Make appointments with the college admissions officer and the financial aid director - these are the best sources of information.
3. Athletes pursuing Division I or II colleges should send in a completed NCAA student registration form online. Information can be found at www.eligibilitycenter.org or at www.ncaa.org, click on Eligibility Center on the right. A transcript release form must be turned in at the guidance office.
4. The ACT and/or SAT are a must. Visit www.actstudent.org or sat.collegeboard.org to register.
5. Continue to search for scholarships. Check the bulletin board in the guidance office and the guidance webpage for local and national scholarships and college catalogs for individual scholarships at each college of interest. The Wayne County Community Foundation will mail a scholarship booklet to each senior during winter break. This booklet is an excellent resource for locating scholarships available to students. All scholarships will be posted online at www.woostercityschools.org, click on Wooster High School, click on Guidance Department and then on Scholarships.
6. Consider job shadowing someone in the career of interest.
7. Juniors and seniors are allowed three excused absences to visit colleges. First, schedule the visit with the college, then provide a note from a parent at least three days in advance of the visit to Mrs. Timko, Attendance Secretary.
8. The College Application Podcast is available at www.woostercityschools.org, Wooster High School, Guidance Department, College Information Center, and finally College Application. This podcast gives complete, detailed instructions on how to complete the college application process.

College Application Deadlines-Note important date listed

College applications due by JANUARY 1 will need to be turned in to the Guidance Office by December 12. Subsequently, students requiring applications to be mailed prior to winter break MUST turn them in to their counselor by December 12. Please provide ALL necessary paperwork as instructed by counselor and listed on the *College Application Checklist*. All applications received after December 12 or during the week of December 15-19 will be processed as time permits with no promise of being mailed prior to winter break. Please pay attention to your college deadlines and be proactive.

Scholarship/Financial Aid (FAFSA) Meeting

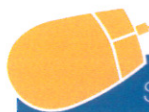
The Guidance Department would like to invite all seniors and their parents to a meeting designed to explain the scholarship/financial aid process. A representative from the Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators will be on hand to answer questions. **Mark your calendar for January 6, at 5:30pm, in the LGIR.** The Wayne County Community Foundation Scholarship booklet will be mailed over the winter break. This booklet will list many local, county, state, regional, and national scholarships that are available to Wooster High School students. Please don't forget to view the Wooster guidance page also, there are several scholarship opportunities listed currently.

PSAT Test Information

Some sophomores and juniors took the PSAT on October 15. The counselors will be meeting with all students that took these tests to interpret results. The PSAT provides eligibility as a possible candidate for a National Merit Scholarship. Mr. Leshar will have an interpretation session of the PSAT on December 11. More information to follow.

Cafeteria Information

It has been brought to our attention that numerous students are charging their lunches. We like to keep the charges to a maximum of *two* per student. Should your child forget his/her packed lunch or money to purchase a lunch, we offer a free service to track your student's lunch activities as well as their current balance. PayForIt.net. If you have additional questions contact Sue Case (330)345 4900 at the Wooster High School Food Service. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Important Guidance Dates/Activities

December

Wayne County Schools Career Center Open House

*December 4; 5:00pm-7:30pm

PSAT Interpretation

*December 11

January

Scholarship/Financial Aid (FAFSA) Meeting

*January 6, 5:30pm in LGIR

February

End of 2nd quarter/1st Semester

Parent/Teacher Conferences

*February 12; 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Post Secondary Enrollment Meeting

*Begin May 4

Math & English Performance-based assessments

*Begins February 17

March

OGT Testing

*March 16-20; Make-ups: March 23-27

*All sophomores, juniors & seniors as needed

Science & Social Studies Performance-based assessments

*Begins March 2

April

Math & Social Studies End of Year Course Assessments

* Begins April 13

ACT On-site

*April 28

May

AP Testing

*May 4 - 15

Science & Social Studies End of Year Exams

* Begins May 4



Kevin White signs to run at Loyola University

Loyola University has signed one of WHS most esteemed athletes. Kevin White will become a Rambler next fall and continue his cross-country and track & field career. At WHS, Kevin has acquired many accolades in his four years: district qualifier, regional qualifier, regional champion, OCC accolades, state recognition, holds the WHS record in the 800M and also the cross country record set at the Wayne/Holmes Invitational. Kevin's time of 15:42 broke the previous record of 15:47, set by Darrin Gaynard in 1984. Kevin is not only an accomplished athlete; he is an exceptional student. Coach Doug Bennett states, "Kevin is more than an outstanding athlete, he is an empathic, caring individual. He thinks of others before himself."

On-line Classes: Health, Financial Literacy & American Pop Culture

The "OL" designation on your schedule means that you are registered for an on-line class. We utilize the Blackboard learning environment. Your login and password is your student ID. If you experience difficulty with logging in, see the teacher assigned to that class and he/she will reset your password. Please do not go to your counselor with login difficulties, as they cannot get you logged in. Some have experienced difficulties with the Blackboard format using a home computer. If this is the case, then contact your teacher and arrange a time to bring your computer to school and have one of our technology personnel work with you on the issue. Installing the newest version of Google Chrome may also help alleviate the problem. If this is your first online class, you may be unfamiliar with how to manage the workload with your traditional courses. It is very important to manage your time consistently and efficiently. Here are some helpful hints: Create a routine for working on this class. Set aside a time that you will consistently devote to this course. It can be during your study hall in the library or completed while at home. Keep some sort of an agenda. There will be due dates for projects and the like, just as any other class. Lastly, communicate with the teacher listed or fellow classmates. Each online teacher will hold office hours for any questions or assistance.



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